

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Please note that claims 8 – 12 have been canceled.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Presently Amended) A flow control valve assembly comprising:
a housing defining a valve interior and including a first port corresponding to a main inlet and a second port corresponding to a secondary inlet, an outlet longitudinally spaced from said first and second ports, and a valve stem orifice, said housing further comprising a wing stop disposed on an external surface of the housing adjacent the valve stem orifice;

a stem pipe mounted to the housing at the first port, the stem pipe oriented perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the housing and adapted to mate with the outlet of a gas meter, and a loop pipe rigidly connected to the stem pipe and adapted to mate with housing main inlet, where the housing, stem pipe, and loop pipe are fabricated as a single unitary structure;

a poppet seated in the valve interior adjacent the first and second ports and adapted for rotation to first, second, and third predefined angular positions, the poppet occluding the second port when the poppet is rotated to the first angular position, occluding the first port when the poppet is rotated to the second angular position, and occluding both the first port and the second port when the poppet is rotated to the third angular position; and

a valve stem partially disposed within the housing at the valve stem orifice and mounted for rotation about a longitudinal axis, the valve stem coupled to the poppet for

rotating the poppet to a selected one of the first, second, and third predefined angular positions, the valve stem further comprising a lever arm extending traverse with respect to the longitudinal axis of the valve stem, the lever arm adapted to carry a locking member substantially at a distal end;

wherein the carrying of the locking member by the lever arm results in an interference between the locking member and the wing stop on the housing to preclude rotation of the valve stem and fix the poppet in the third angular position, thereby preventing flow into the valve through the main port and secondary port.

2. (Original) The flow control valve assembly of Claim 1 wherein the housing further comprises a pair of rotational stops along a path of the lever arm, the first rotational stop positioned to prevent said lever arm from rotating beyond a position corresponding to the poppet third angular position, and the second rotational stop positioned to prevent said lever arm from rotating beyond a position corresponding to the poppet first angular position.

3. (Original) The flow control valve assembly of Claim 2 where the lever arm includes a loop at a distal end for carrying the locking member, and where the lever arm may be fixed between the first rotational stop and the wing stop when the locking member is carried by the lever arm.

4. (Original) The flow control valve assembly of Claim 2 where rotation of the lever arm to an intermediate position between the first and second rotational stops and corresponds to the poppet occupying the second angular position.

5. (Presently Amended) The flow control valve assembly of Claim 1 wherein the housing includes a protective coating selected from the group of zinc[[,]] and polyester[[,]] ~~and paint~~.

6. (Original) The flow control valve assembly of Claim 1 wherein the valve stem and lever arm comprise a unitary construction.

7. (Original) The flow control valve assembly of Claim 1 further comprising a weather seal and snap ring cooperating to hold the valve stem in the housing at the valve stem orifice.

Claims 8 – 12 (Canceled)